

I am writing in support of SB 816 to provide higher ECS funding to Haddam.

Haddam has been inequitably treated for more than a decade as the formula for allocation of funds does not take into consideration the loss of the CY nuclear facility. As a result of the closure of the facility, the tax roll in Haddam was adversely impacted. Nevertheless, the closure and loss of the tax base was not taken into consideration for more than a decade. As a result, the ECS funds granted to Haddam have been roughly \$2 million less per year than its fair share.

In the absence of proper ECS funding, the property tax burden imposed on the residents of Haddam has increased substantially and disproportionately in comparison to Killingworth with which Haddam shares Regional School District 17. The result is that Haddam is rapidly becoming a less desirable place to live than surrounding communities thereby further reducing its population and the tax base.

I urge you to increase the ECS funds to Haddam. The inequity has continued long enough.

Thank you
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